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## August 2006 Minutes

### VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2006 MEETING

**In attendance:** Jane Howard, Joey Glushko, Clare Gordon, Elizabeth Karpati, Shannon Koenig, Josh Lobel, Leslie Mayer, Sherry Miller.

- **Town Day:** We have three tables including one for Sustainable Arlington, and three rolling boards. We have plenty of handout materials from the task groups, and items for the rolling boards including the planting plan for the Reservoir. We will also have a box for written comments. A sustainability group called "Green Roundtable" will be present at the SA table. Shannon Koenig of SA reported on that committee's plans for Town Day.
- Jane reported that the **Arlington Center for the Arts** wants to partner with Vision 2020.
- Joey reported that the optical recognition software for processing next year's **census survey** is about to be purchased.
- **Spy Pond:** Jane reported on two coming events: (1) "Weed Watcher Training" on September 27 (aquatic invasives vs. harmless look-alikes); (2) "Securing the Health of our Lakes and Ponds Using Living, Natural Systems Relationships" with local green architect Bill Reed on October 3. The latter is of special interest since "Sonar," the herbicide which was used to clear Spy Pond, has now been banned in Europe. Both events will be advertised with a flyer on Town Day, and DPW will be notified.
- **Spy Pond Park:** There has been great concern that the newly renovated park will go downhill due to lack of funds for maintenance, especially watering. Now it turns out that about \$50,000 are left of the funds appropriated for the renovation, so it may be possible to add an irrigation system.
- **School Committee** news: There has been a restructuring of jobs in the school system to provide more direct services to students. Major Jewish holy days are now included in the list of no-test days.